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SUBJ: GREEK MFA COMMENTS ON YUGOSLAV MINORITY PROPOSAL

REF: GENEVA 1226 AND ATHENS 0983

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO OTHER MATTERS, AMBASSADOR PAPAIOANNOU, CHIEF OF FIRST POLITICAL DIRECTORATE (COMMUNIST COUNTRIES), MFA, OBSERVED THAT GOG FELT "EXPOSED" BY LACK OF VISIBLE SUPPORT FROM ITS "FRIENDS AND ALLIES" FOR ITS EFFORTS TO DEAL DECISIVELY WITH YUGOSLAV MINORITY PROPOSAL (REFTELS). ASSERTING THAT ONLY FRANCE AND SPAIN HAD "STOOD UP WITH GREECE" AND THAT DUTCH HAD ACTIVELY LOBBIED FOR YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL, PAPAIOANNOU EXPRESSED DISNT WITH ATTITUDE OF US AND OTHER NATO ALLIES TOWARD GREEK INITIATIVE.

2. PAPAIOANNOU ALSO SAID THAT GREEK CSCE DELEGATION HAD REPORTED YUGOSLAVS ARE SEEKING COMPROMISE IN EFFORT
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TO OBTAIN PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR PROPOSAL. REITERATING

GOG'S PREFERENCE FOR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS COVERING
MINORITIES, PAPAIOANNOU AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE YUGOSLAV
PROPOSAL COULD BE DEALT WITH PROCEDURALLY.
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